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BLM releases final analysis for utility corridor project in northeastern Utah

VERNAL, Utah—The Bureau of Land Management Vernal Field Office is releasing a final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) analyzing potential impacts of the proposed Enefit American Oil Utility Corridor Project, located approximately 40 miles south of Vernal, Utah.

The proposed Enefit American Oil Utility Corridor Project is consistent with the Administration's goal of American energy independence and supports the creation of jobs and infrastructure development that foster economic growth in rural communities. If approved, the construction of the pipelines, power lines, and road could contribute 85 to 110 jobs over several years.

Under the proposal, Enefit American Oil would construct 19 miles of water supply pipeline, eight miles of natural gas supply pipeline, 10 miles of oil product line, 29 miles of single or dual overhead 138-kilovolt H-frame power lines, and upgrade an estimated five miles of Dragon Road on public lands in the Vernal Field Office.

The BLM prepared the final EIS to analyze the potential impacts of Enefit's five right-of-way applications. The BLM used comments and feedback received during the 60-day comment period in spring 2016 to disclose cumulative impacts. This final EIS does not contain any decisions.

The BLM's decision regarding the project will be published in a Record of Decision after the final wait period closes. The 45-day wait period for the publication of the Notice of Availability of the final EIS in the Federal Register runs from May 18 through July 2. Documents and maps are available for public review online at: <http://go.usa.gov/csa9j>.

For additional project information, please contact Stephanie Howard at (435)781-4469. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to leave a message or question with the above individual. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

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